

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON COMMERCE**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2006**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519, House Office Building**

**Chair Huizenga** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (17/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Wenke, McConico (2/19)

**Representative Meisner**, supported by **Representative Pavlov**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on December 13, 2005. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5447** before the committee.

HB 5447   Jones	Labor; health and safety; promulgation of rules regarding workplace ergonomics; prohibit.
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**Representative Jones** explained the intent of the bill.

**Keith Carey**, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "MIOSHA Actions to Develop a Michigan Specific Ergonomics Standard". He also testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Wendy Hofmeyer**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Ken Fletcher**, representing the Michigan AFL-CIO, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Tom Martin** and **Doug Kalinowski**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Mark Spence**, representing the MIOSHA Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee, testified on the bill and answered questions.

**Sheryl Ulin**, representing the MIOSHA Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Amy Shaw**, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Dr. Franklin Mirer, Ph.D.**, representing the International Union - UAW, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Douglas Rademacher**, representing UAW Local 602, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

**Cynthia Paul**, representing the Service Employees International Union, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

**Mark Weeks**, representing himself, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

**Marilyn Coulter**, representing herself, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

**Peter Kuhnmuench**, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan;

**Melissa Trustman**, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce;

**Andy Deloney**, representing the Michigan Restaurants Association;

**Eric Rule**, representing the Michigan Retailers Association;

**Nancy McKeague**, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association;

**Paul Bukowski**, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan;

**Bill Lobenherz**, representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association;

**Linda Gobler**, representing the Michigan Grocers Association;

**Lynn Weimeister**, representing Beaumont Hospitals;

**Dawn Crandall**, representing the Michigan Home Builders Association.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

**Paula Mattas**, representing UAW Local 652;

**Pam Beach**, representing the Communication Workers of America;

**Derrick Quinney**, representing the AFL-CIO;

**Louise Somalski**, representing AFT Michigan.

**Representative Jones**, supported by **Representative Pavlov**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5447**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (17/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Jones**, supported by **Representative Palsrok**, moved to report **House Bill 5447**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Green, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker (11/19)

**NAYS:** Reps. Meisner, Tobocman, Murphy, Dillon, Bennett, Accavitti (6/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Marleau**, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representatives Wenke** and **McConico**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:47 p.m.**

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**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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